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For further information, please visit our web site → <http://www.sbcounty.gov/dcs>

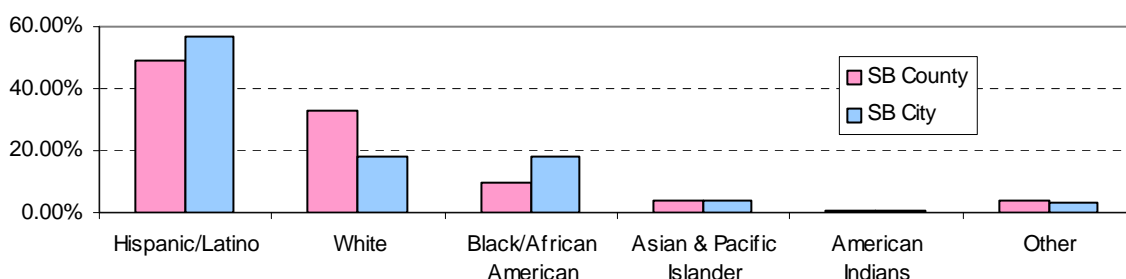
San Bernardino County Total Area*: 20,105.3 square miles (The Largest County in California)
(Land Area: 20,052.5 square miles, Water Area: 52.8 square miles)



San Bernardino County
Brief Overview &
Population Comparison
with San Bernardino City

	San Bernardino County		San Bernardino City	
Total Population	1,709,434		185,401	
Under 18 Years	552,047		65,180	
Ethnicity				
Hispanic/Latino	269,462	48.80%	36,943	56.68%
White	183,512	33.20%	11,634	17.85%
Black/African American	54,800	9.90%	11,773	18.06%
Asian & Pacific Islander	21,758	3.90%	2,336	3.58%
American Indians	2,750	0.50%	377	0.58%
Other	19,765	3.60%	2,117	3.25%

(% of Ethnicity Comparison)



Referral Information for San Bernardino City (2006)

Referral Rate and Foster Care Entry Rate

	Referral Rate	Foster Care Entry Rate
San Bernardino City	115.99 per 1,000 Children	6.84 per 1,000 Children
San Bernardino County	68.9 per 1,000 Children	4.0 per 1,000 Children

- In 2006, 11.6% (115.99 :1,000) children less than 18 year old had child abuse/neglect referrals, and 0.68% (6.84 :1,000) children were removed from their family in san Bernardino City.
- Comparing with San Bernardino County as a whole, San Bernardino City has higher referral rate and foster care entry rates.

Frequently Asked Questions about Children in Welfare System

How many child abuse/neglect incidents were reported?

Reports of Child Abuse or Neglect (2006)	Number of Families (Total = 5,458)	Number of Children (Total = 7,560)
Of all referrals received, 71.5% resulted in a CPS investigation:	3,904	6,273
Of all referrals received, 14.4% were found to be true:	786	1,325
Of all referrals received, 6.0% resulted in an open case:	325	670
Of all referrals received, 4.5% resulted in a child removal:	243	446

What types of allegations were investigated?

County of San Bernardino investigated 8,289 child abuse reports in San Bernardino City in 2006 for 6,273 children. The following table represents types of allegations investigated. Neglect accounted for the highest proportion of allegations. *One child can have more than one allegation.

Type of Allegation	Children	%
General Neglect	3,732	45.02%
Physical Abuse	1,321	15.94%
At Risk, Sibling Abused	1,022	12.33%
Sexual Abuse	618	7.46%
Caretaker Absence/Incapacity	526	6.35%
Not Determined (Jan 2007)	499	6.02%
Severe Neglect	318	3.84%
Emotional Abuse	214	2.58%
Substantial Risk	33	0.40%
Exploitation	6	0.07%
Total Allegations	8,289	

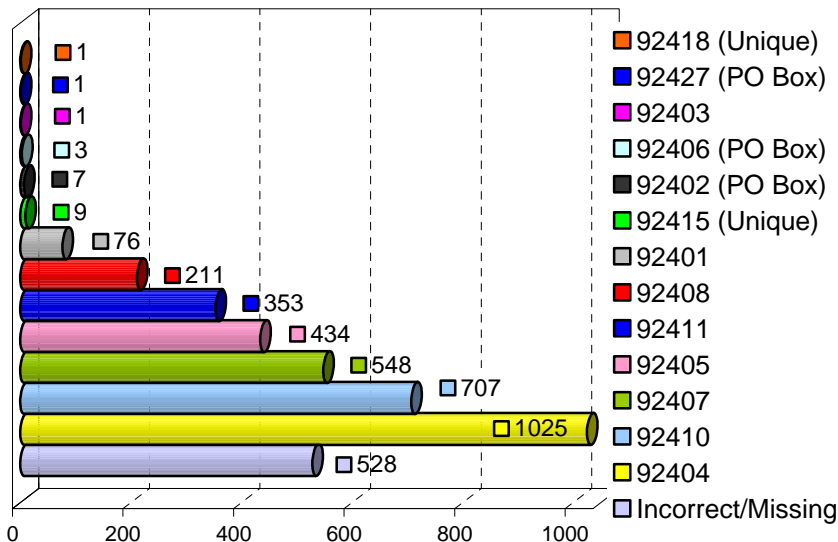


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2 Allegations investigated in your city in 2006?

3,904 families were involved in investigations.



4 Where were children placed after they were removed from their home in 2006?

446 children were placed in the out-of-home care residences. The following table indicates the types of placement homes where they spent the longest time since their removal in 2006.

Predominate Placement	Children
FFA Certified Home	221
Relative/NREFM Home	149
Foster Family Home	56
Group Home	15
Court Specified Home	2
Medical Facility	2
Small Family Home	1
Total Children Removed	446

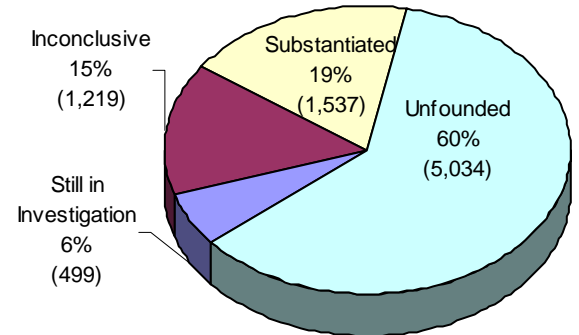
2 4 Is there disproportionality in the referral rate and child removal rate in child welfare?

Disproportionality in child welfare exists when any ethnic group has a higher rate or proportion of referrals, removals or in care numbers than the total population. In San Bernardino City, Black/African American children have higher rates of investigated referrals and removal compared to other ethnicities.

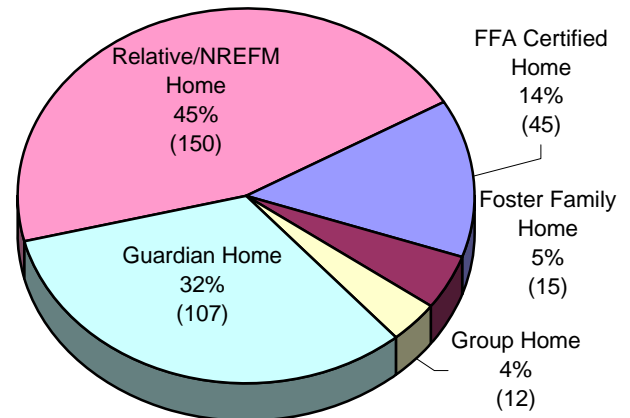
	2000 Census Population Under 18	# of Children with an Investigated Referral	Investigated Referral Rate per 1,000	# of Removed Children in 2006	Removal Rate per 1,000
White	11,634	1,091	93.78	93	7.99
Black/African American	11,773	1,683	142.95	98	8.32
Hispanic/Latino	36,943	3,103	83.99	229	6.20
American Indian	377	21	55.70	3	7.96
Asian & Pacific Islander	2,336	69	29.54	18	7.71
Other	2,117				
Unknown		306		5	
Total	65,180	6,273	96.24	446	6.84

How the investigations were concluded?

8,289 allegations were investigated.



How many placement resources were in San Bernardino City?



Foster Care Removal and Placement Outcomes for Children in San Bernardino City (2006)

Of the 446 children removed from their families in San Bernardino City in 2006.

- 98 children have been reunified to date
- 5 children's cases closed for other reasons
- 343 children are still in care.

Of the 347 children in care: 343 children who are currently in care and 4 children re-entered foster care for a total of 347 children:

- 198 children were not placed with relatives:
 - 24 children were placed in foster homes in San Bernardino City and 174 were placed in homes outside of San Bernardino City
- 137 children were placed with relatives:
 - 53 children were placed with relatives in San Bernardino City and 84 children placed with relatives in other communities.
- 11 children are between placements in the database.
- 1 child is in a medical facility.